# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS AUSTIN DIVISION

Evdokia Nikolova,	§	
Plaintiff,	§	
	§	
V.	§	Civil Action No.: 1:19-CV-00877
	§	
University of Texas at Austin,	§	
Defendant.	§	

## **JOINT MOTION TO ABATE PROCEEDINGS**

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE ROBERT PITMAN:

Plaintiff Evdokia Nikolova Ph.D. ("Dr. Nikolova" or "Plaintiff") and Defendant The University of Texas at Austin ("UT Austin" or "Defendant") (collectively referred to as the "Parties") respectfully file this Joint Motion to Abate Proceedings and respectfully show the Court the following.

- 1. The Parties have arrived at an agreement on substantially all settlement terms, subject to approval set forth herein.
- 2. Counsel is presently diligently working to finalize the terms and language of a compromise settlement release agreement effecting the terms of the settlement agreement.
- 3. Defendant is a State institution, and it must obtain approval from the Office of Attorney General in order to finalize and effectuate the settlement.
- 4. At present, the Parties have response and reply briefing due on November 30, 2022.
- 5. In the interest of efficiency and judicial economy, Counsel jointly request an abatement of proceedings pending the following: finalization of the settlement agreement and Counsel

for Defendant obtaining the necessary approvals for the agreement, after which the Parties will file a stipulation of dismissal in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41.

## Respectfully submitted,

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on November 29, 2022, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served via the Court's ECF system to all counsel of record.

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